



Operational Note

What	Van Rally and Drive-slow of Tradesmen and Women in their work vehicles (04/06/2026)
Where	Romford Magistrates Court (see map for further route details)
Driving Route	<p>🚧 MEETING POINT FOR ALL 🚧</p> <p>ITS Dagenham – Rainham Road South, Dagenham RM10 8LR Arrival: 07:00am onwards Departure: 09:30 on the dot</p> <p>Vans will then depart to Romford Magistrates Court - 📍SEE ROUTE PG.3*</p>
When	04 th June 2026 - Van convoy rally: Leaving ITS Dagenham 09:30am
For interviews with Trades and spokespeople	From 10am Shoab Awan and other trades people will be available for interview outside of Romford Magistrates Court – Main Road, Romford RM1 3BH
Who Is Demonstrating	Trades people from across the UK
Context / background / the why	<p>We are taking part in this van rally to stand up for tradespeople and small businesses who are being relentlessly targeted by tool thieves while the authorities continue to fail them. For countless hardworking people, their tools are not optional possessions they are their livelihood. When those tools are stolen, families lose income overnight, jobs are cancelled, businesses suffer crippling financial losses, insurance premiums soar, and many honest workers are pushed to breaking point.</p> <p>With two individuals appearing before the Magistrates' Court charged with tool theft and related offences, this should serve as a stark reminder that these crimes are destroying livelihoods across the country. Yet far too often offenders are handed weak punishments or walk away with little meaningful consequence, sending a dangerous message that tool theft is a low-risk crime. It is unacceptable that career criminals are repeatedly being let off the hook while hardworking tradespeople are left to pick up the pieces.</p> <p>Across the UK, a van is broken into approximately every 12 minutes, often in broad daylight and with little or no effective response. Tradespeople are being abandoned by a system that appears unwilling to treat these offences with the seriousness they deserve. Criminals know the chances of being caught are low and the consequences are weaker still.</p> <p>The cost of replacing stolen tools and repairing damaged vans runs into thousands of pounds, forcing many people out of work for days or even permanently out of business. These are not victimless crimes they are attacks on working people, small businesses, and local communities.</p> <p>Years of this epidemic must now come to an end. These criminals need to be prosecuted, handing out a fine is no longer a sufficient deterrent for them.</p>
For further information please contact	Shoab Awan (Trades United Founder) – Gas Engineer – 07841 135564

ITS Dagenham to Romford Magistrates Court route:

← from ITS - Dagenham, Rainham Rd S, Dagenha...
to Romford Magistrates' Court, Main Rd, Romfor...

ITS - Dagenham
Rainham Rd S, Dagenham RM10 8LR

▼ Drive from Dagenham Rd and A118 to Romford
12 min (3.2 mi)

- ↑ Head towards Oxlow Ln
361 ft
- ↪ Turn right onto Dagenham Rd
1.8 mi
- ↻ At the roundabout, take the 2nd exit onto Oldchurch Rd
0.3 mi
- ↻ At the roundabout, take the 1st exit onto Waterloo Rd/A125
0.4 mi
- ↻ At the roundabout, take the 2nd exit onto St Edwards Way/A118
0.3 mi
- ↻ At the roundabout, take the 2nd exit and stay on St Edwards Way/A118
0.3 mi
- ↻ At the roundabout, take the 1st exit onto Main Rd/A118
0.1 mi

← Turn left
Destination will be on the right

Magistrates Court Route:

to Romford Magistrates' Court, Main Rd, Romfor...

5 min (1.4 miles)
via Junction Rd
4 min without traffic

Romford Police Station
19 Main Rd, Romford RM1 3BJ

- > Take Junction Rd to Mercury Gardens/A1251
1 min (0.3 mi)
- > Continue on Mercury Gardens/A1251 to Junction Rd
1 min (0.4 mi)
- > Continue on Junction Rd to Mercury Gardens/A1251
1 min (0.3 mi)
- > Drive
1 min (0.3 mi)

← Use the right lane to turn left
Destination will be on the right
6 sec (98 ft)

Romford Magistrates' Court
Main Rd, Romford RM1 3BH

